



THE HARVEST

Macdonald College

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Caleigh Closure

The Caleigh was open for one weekend. It was closed for easter, and the CC committee decided not to open it this weekend either. This decision was made necessary by the committee firing the Bar Manager, Ian Maclean, last Tuesday.

The Caleigh has other problems too. There were line-ups even on the 'Mac only' night. The hundred extra people the bar was expected to accomodate when the construction plan was approved, has been reduced to a margin of thirty people over the 235 of the old Bar-Disco. This new limit is equal to the number of chairs in the Caleigh.

The fire marshall has yet to inspect the premises to set a limit on the number of people allowed, but Joe Churcher, outgoing CC committee chairman expects this limit to be higher than the one they have themselves set.

The new bar is also physically deteriorating. The artificial bricks are said to 'fall off when you look at them', and the wax and protective seal were worn off the dance floor by many happy feet, so that people in the end were literally spending 'a night on the tiles.'

Over \$130,000 was spent on the bar renovations. A Student Society source indicated the CC may have problems paying the \$6500 loan installment due in May, and that the Students' Society had been approached to help pay for the Caleigh.

There was a fight (JAC students) in the bar on Saturday night. An unreliable eye-witness said twenty to thirty people were involved before it was broken up. The participants were not asked to leave the bar.

The responsibility for this incident, and some other problems of the opening week, may be, and have been, laid on the shoulders of Maclean. But the the

problems lie deeper than this. The bar has been the sole topic of discussion of the last three CC committee meetings, and still many problems remain.

Meanwhile, students must suffer the inconvenience of having the bar closed for two weeks while the CC committee looks for a new bar manager, whether interim or permanent, and re-evaluates its policies.

Is the decision to hire only Mac students to work at the bar, feasible?

Does the black and white dress code for staff made by Maclean, and unpopular with the majority of staff, still stand?

The CC committee is in for a rough time.

THE CALEIGH CLOSED FOR RENOVATION !!!



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NO NUKES AT MCGILL

On the night of March 18 at McGill University Dr. Helen Caldicott, a prominent anti-nuclear activist, spoke to a full house about nuclear power and armaments.

Born and raised in Australia, Caldicott is now a resident pediatrician at Boston Memorial Hospital. She first became alarmed about nuclear weapons several years ago, and was instrumental in forming the legislation that forced France to test underground.

By educating Australian uranium miners about the risks associated with radiation she convinced the miner's union to refuse to mine the uranium deposits.

The main purpose of Caldicott's campaign is to make the public more aware of the hazards of radiation, and particularly to invite people to participate in a peaceful revolution against nuclear energy. She condemns both nuclear armament, and nuclear development for 'peaceful' purposes.

The hazards of radiation Caldicott referred to concern its lethal and long-term effects. For example, if a nuclear war should occur, hundreds of thousands of people would immediately be burned, asphyxiated or poisoned by radiation; many more would die a lingering death lasting a few weeks; others would develop cancers which would turn up after fifteen or fifty years; and those surviving would produce mutant, deformed children.

Even 'peaceful' use of nuclear power has its risks. Since the accident which occurred at Three Mile Island a year ago, a greater proportion of babies with thyroid problems have been born in the vicinity. Under normal operating conditions a nuke can leak out some radiation which can find its way into foodstuffs, as well as being directly absorbed. Three Mile Island is in the middle of an important dairying area; only 13 miles away Hershey's chocolate company has a factory. The harmful effects of radiation may take as long as a half million years to disappear completely.

Nuclear arms are proliferating at a far faster rate than most people realize. The US claims to have enough arms to kill each Russian forty times over. As Caldicott puts it, Russia and America are using the world as a giant chessboard. She compared their mental maturity to that of her thirteen year old son.

Nuclear energy is looked upon by

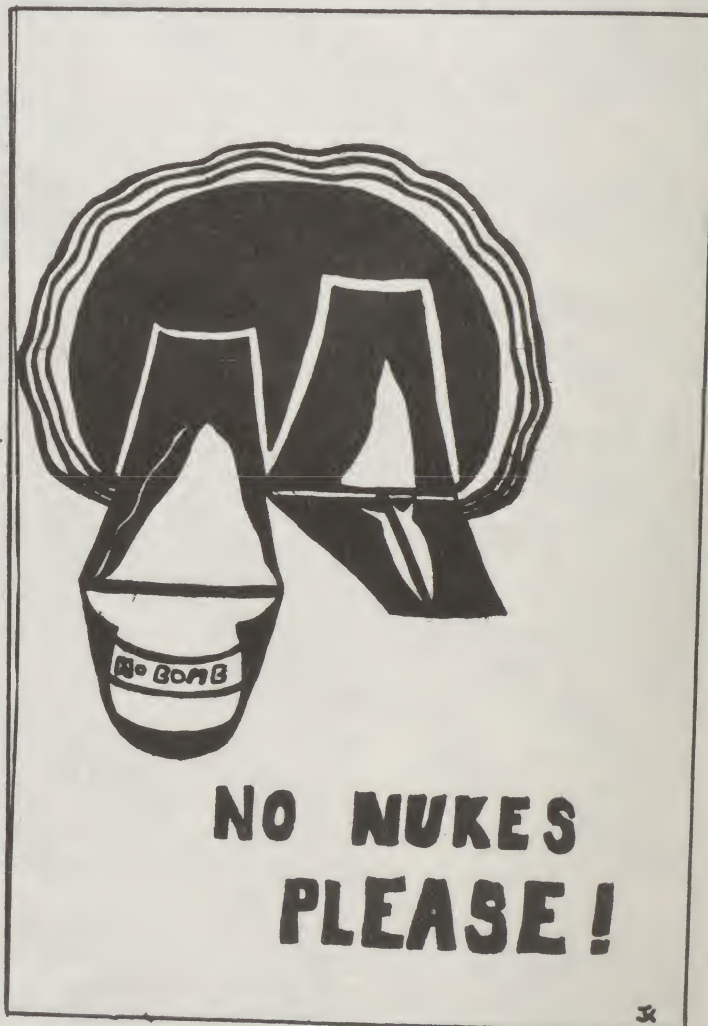
several 'peaceful' nations as a replacement for fossil fuels, as these are getting hard to come by. Apparently the technology for producing a bomb is closely related to that used in power production; thus a country which develops nuclear power can theoretically make a bomb as well. Canada also is in the race to develop nuclear power, selling Candu reactors all over the world.

What can we do to save ourselves from nuclear folly? Helen Caldicott suggests joining together--mass protest.

In Montreal, the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR) is a common front organization against nuke energy.

To learn more about nuke power, or to find out how you can add your voice to the many protesting nuke developments, phone the CCNR at 486-6162, or write to them: 2010 rue Mackay, Montreal, Que. h36 2j1.

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Mac Gets SFA at CMF

Since the completion of the Thérèse-Casgrain centre (better known as the "centre multifonctionnel" or CMF), MAC students have been questioning left to right about its availability and the modalities of its use by the Macdonald population. Student representatives, especially during elections, have promised to have it wide open to MAC students, feeling that we should have access to it at all times and at no cost; others were more conservative in their approach.

In order to clear up misunderstandings and rumours, I met with George Wall who is manager of the CMF and Bill Ellyet, of Macdonald Athletics. From these discussions, I learned many interesting things. Originally, the CMF was built to serve different groups and functions which are, in order of priority: 1-JAC educational, 2-JAC recreational, 3-Continuing education and 4-MAC students. We might add to this list the town of Ste. Anne de Bellevue who was told to use the CMF for its recreational programs rather than building its own complex.

With over 3000 students at JAC and an increasing demand for continuing education programs, the cake might be big, but so is the party! George Wall clearly explained that the first two priorities would occupy all the available time during school hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm), since they already fill in more than half the grid with only 1700 students registered in compulsory phys. ed. classes. Next year, this figure will almost double.

In order to make the centre available to the outside community, the CMF management plans to issue memberships for para-academic hours, on week-ends and in the summertime. Memberships would be required for any user should he be JAC, MAC, or simple west-islander! Costs would vary from \$15-20 a term for JAC students, around \$50 a term for MAC students and up to \$200 a year for others. They might consider a daily cover charge, but it would be fixed at a rate that encourages memberships. Many MAC students find this deal unsatisfying and Bill Ellyet says that it is a modification of the original plans and agreements which intended to give parity to JAC and MAC students and staff.

Bill Ellyet said that the arrangements were far from final and he was confident to come up with a more satisfying deal for Macdonald before fall.

I might add that the facilities the CMF has to offer and that are most likely to interest Macdonald students are the squash courts and the pool, both very nice indeed! But now that we have exclusive use of Stewart Hall athletics, that renovations and new facilities are to be added, the needs of MAC sport freaks should be well satisfied!!

So see you on the courts in

september!!!

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Thankyou, Jon.

Changing Cheifs and Chambers

Renovations to the ground floor and basement of the CC are being considered because of the changes already made in space allocations in the building.

Bill Ellyett's Athletics office has moved to Stewart Hall leaving the two offices at the front of the CC vacant. Also, the office shared by the internal and external V-Ps was taken over by the bar manager and a liquor storage room. This is the room between the two wash-rooms on the ground floor.

The space downstairs vacated by the Bar-Disco, wilk also have to be renovated.

Joe Churcher, out-going CC chairman presented some alternative plans for use of the space at the Student Representatives' Workshop two weekends ago. No final decision was reached because the proposals were studied in groups, and each group held to its own plan. None of the groups accepted any of Churcher's original proposals.

Major points were moving the Bookstore to more spacious quarters in Bill Ellyett's outer office. The bookstore is dissatisfied with their present quarters but it is rumoured they are thinking of moving to Laird Hall when the renovation are done there.

Space for the Robber's Roost was also discussed. This would be a store open a few hours each week which would sell Macdonald sweatshirts and similar items.

People located the Roost at the CC desk, in one of the front offices, and in the present Clan/Harvest office.

The Harvest and Clan were separated, moved to the smaller of the front office or left as at present.

One of Churcher's plans was to move all of the CC staff into the Athletic's offices, but no one liked this idea. Nor did people like the idea of leaving Mrs. Brown at the desk, and moving the other two staff into The inner Athletic's office, possibly creating a new doorway through a wall on which a trophy cabinet has just been mounted.

The old Athletic's office is prime office space, which several organization and people are interested in.

The weekend conference, held in the Lacolle Centre, dealt with many problems encountered by the outgoing council, and

with the issues that the newcomers wish to tackle. Due to lack of time some items didn't make the discussion. These included the use that could be made of the \$75,000 the Students' Society presently has invested, and the working relationship the council, as employer, should have with the permanent, who have to implement the decisions, and the amount of autonomy these people can have.

A fair amount of time was spent discussing an editorial structure for the Harvest, and also to the financing of the Clan, which has not sold too well so far. David Van Seters, the incoming president at one point suggested it be charged for in Student Activity fees, and be distributed free to graduating students. It was also suggested to make it more appealing to U-1 and U-2 students.

On the whole the mood of the conference was happy and friendly, and no huge rifts became apparent over the weekend. This was partly because the composition of the groups was arranged so as to prevent conflicts, as well to put the incoming and out-going representatives in specific positions into the same group.

